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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Improved Methods for the Synthesis of Nucleic Acids**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on March 4, 2005;
as United States Application Number 10/526,487; and
was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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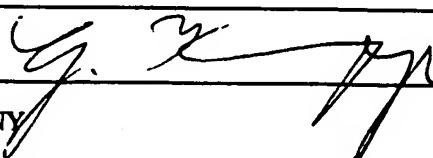
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